

**MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Date: April 8, 2011

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
227 French Landing, Iris Room
Heritage Place Metro Center
Nashville TN 37243

Members Present by teleconference: Katherine H. Cherry, RDH

Members Present: Roy Thompson, DDS, Chairman
Clifton Simmons, DDS
Betty G. Fox, RDA

Staff Present: Paul David, Executive Director
Maryam Kassaei, Office of General Counsel
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Office of General Counsel

Dr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Paul David did a roll call to determine the members present and/or connected by teleconference. Members of the audience present were Mary Ellen Vaughn, RDA; Rita Bills, RDH; Janice Harper, RDA; Dr. Morris Robbins, DDS; and Dr. Leon Stanislav, DDS. Dr. Timothy Hottel, DDS was present by teleconference.

The meeting was held to consider a request by Dr. Hottel to change the Board of Dentistry's rules regarding directorship of expanded functions dental hygiene and dental assisting courses.

Maryam Kassaei presented the Committee with a memorandum citing the following rule sections in question:

**0460-05-.02. SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS, AND COURSES FOR THE DENTAL
HYGIENIST.**

(2) Certification Course in Administration & Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The certification course shall be taught by a Tennessee licensed dentist or a

licensed dental hygienist with administration and monitoring certification and a minimum of three (3) years clinical experience in utilizing administration of nitrous oxide and education in comprehensive pain and anxiety control. The instructor/dentist may employ and/or utilize anesthesiologists, pharmacologists, internists, and/or cardiologists who are licensed in Tennessee as instructors to assist the instructor/dentist in the teaching of the course.

(3) Certification Course in Restorative Functions

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The certification course shall be taught by one (1) or more Tennessee licensed dentists who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry.

(4) Certification Course in Prosthetic Functions

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The certification course shall be taught by one (1) or more Tennessee licensed dentists who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry.

(5) Certification Course in Administration of Local Anesthesia

(d) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

2. The certification course may only be taught by:

(i) Tennessee licensed dentists who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry or dental hygiene and who have experience teaching the administration of local anesthesia; or

(ii) Tennessee licensed dental hygienists with certification in the administration of local anesthesia who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry or dental hygiene and who have experience teaching the administration of local anesthesia. Such dental hygienist instructors may only teach the certification course while under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor-dentist.

0460-05-.03. SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS AND COURSES FOR THE REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT

(2) Certification Course in Coronal Polishing

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The course shall be taught in its entirety by a dentist who is licensed in good standing by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry. The dentist/clinical instructor may employ and/or utilize licensed dental hygienists to assist during the clinical portion of the course.

(3) Certification Course for Sealant Application

(e) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

Curriculum.

3. The course shall be taught in its entirety by a dentist who is licensed in good standing by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry. The dentist/clinical instructor may employ and/or utilize licensed dental hygienists to assist during the clinical portion of the course.

(4) Certification Course in Monitoring Nitrous Oxide

(d) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

2. The certification course shall be taught by a Tennessee licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist with nitrous oxide administration certification and a minimum of three (3) years clinical experience in utilizing administration of nitrous oxide and education in comprehensive pain and anxiety control. The instructor/dentist may employ and/or utilize anesthesiologists, pharmacologists, internists, and/or cardiologists who are licensed in Tennessee as instructors to assist the instructor/dentist in the teaching of the course.

(5) Certification Course in Expanded Restorative Functions

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The certification course shall be taught by one (1) or more Tennessee licensed dentists who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry.

(6) Certification Course in Expanded Prosthetic Functions

(c) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment, and Curriculum.

3. The certification course shall be taught by one (1) or more Tennessee licensed dentists who are faculty members at an accredited school of dentistry.

(7) Certification Course in Dental Radiology

(d) Minimum Standards for Admissions, Facilities, Instructor(s), Equipment and Curriculum.

2. The certification course shall be taught by a dentist who is licensed in good standing by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry. The dentist/clinical instructor may employ and/or utilize licensed dental hygienists or registered dental assistants certified in dental radiology to assist during the clinical portion of the course.

After discussion by the Board, Mrs. Fox made the motion to keep the rules and regulations the way they were. Second was given by Mrs. Cherry. After additional discussion, Dr. Thompson called for the question, and the motion passed with all members voting in the affirmative during a roll call vote.

There being no further business, Mrs. Fox made a motion to adjourn. Second was given by Mrs. Cherry. Motion Carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.